

Spring Connections and Discipleship Groups

At MAC we believe that Jesus has called us into discipleship, which we means we actively seek to **KNOW** God better, **GROW** in depth of character, learn to **SERVE** in meaningful ways and **INVEST** in the lives of others.

Join us as **MAC Connections and Discipleship** as we explore the Bible and topical books relevant to your life in a small, relaxed group setting over a cup of coffee. Groups meet each Sunday beginning **March 13, 2016, at 9:00 AM**. Preregistration is required.

Your commitment?

For the next few months, grab a cup of coffee, your reflections on what you have been reading and come to discuss and process what you're learning. Get to know others, build lasting relationships and challenge each other to **KNOW, GROW, SERVE** and **INVEST**.

Sign-ups

"Sign-up Sunday" will be held on Sunday, February 28, and Sunday, March 6. Groups are limited in size in order to encourage relationship building, so sign-up early!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact: Dan Nagel at dan.nagel@macissoula.com or 406.370.4517.

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Connections Book Group

[The Case for Christ](#), by Lee Strobel. A SEASONED JOURNALIST CHASES DOWN THE BIGGEST STORY IN HISTORY.

Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates who are specialists in the areas of old manuscripts, textual criticism, and biblical studies. What will your verdict be in the *The Case for Christ*?

Facilitated by Susan Thomas.

Cost - \$10. Meeting in the Office Area.

Connections Book Group

[Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus](#), by Nabeel Qureshi. A DEVOUT MUSLIM ENCOUNTERS CHRISTIANITY.

Qureshi describes his dramatic journey from Islam to Christianity, complete with friendships, investigations, and supernatural dreams along the way. Providing an intimate window into a loving Muslim home, Qureshi shares how he developed a passion for Islam before discovering, almost against his will, evidence that Jesus rose from the dead and claimed to be God. Engaging and thought-provoking, *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* tells a powerful story of the clash between Islam and Christianity in one man's heart—and of the peace he eventually found in Jesus.

Facilitated by Tim German and Randy Muri

Cost \$12 – Meeting in Connections Café / Room 105

Connections Book Group

[Foundations](#), is a women's gathering that will discuss what the Bible says about who God is. Using selections from the book **[Systematic Theology](#)**, by Wayne Grudem, you will look at how knowing what the Bible says about God will impact how we seek to pursue Him. Be a part of this community that encourages one another in strengthening the "Foundations" of their faith.

Facilitated by Kerry Resch (Women Only)

Cost - \$25.00. Meeting in Room 301 (Above the kitchen)

Connections Book Group

[The Sacred Journey](#), by Brian Simmons. GOD'S RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF OUR AFFECTION.

To some, the Song of Songs is a simple love story of a man and a maiden. But for those with enlightened hearts, it becomes the key that unlocks the treasure chest of God's divine love. No other portion of Scripture has such power to reveal the journey of those longing to know Jesus like the Song of Songs, Solomon's great prophetic epic that Jesus himself sings over you. Unlock this mystery as you read *The Sacred Journey*, a verse-by-verse commentary on the Song of Songs that will lead every hungry soul to discover God's fiery heart of love.

Facilitated by Lenore Ludlow. (Women Only)

Cost - \$13.00. Meeting in Connections Cafe / Room 105

Connections Book Group

[The Enemy Within](#), By Kris Lundgaard. STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT THE POWER AND DEFEAT OF SIN.

How would you like to fight an enemy who, just as you have him on the ropes, always evades the final blow? That's the advantage of indwelling sin—it lurks in an unsearchable fortress where you can't get to it. But if God has redeemed us from sin—and given us his Holy Spirit to sanctify us and give us strength against sin—why do we go on sinning? Drawing from two masterful works by English theologian John Owen, Kris Lundgaard takes aim at the enemy within. He shares his discovery of hope, renewed love for Christ, an approach to holiness by faith in him.

Facilitated by Paul Resch.

Cost - \$10. Meeting in Meeting in Fireside / Room 106

Connections Book Group

[Point Man](#), by Steve Farrar. HOW A MAN CAN LEAD HIS FAMILY.

This bestselling classic encourages and equips Christian men to lead their families successfully through hazards and ambushes like divorce, promiscuity, suicide, and drug addiction. Men will find practical insight on topics such as a father's influence, maintaining purity, and husband-and-wife teamwork. In this war, renowned men's author Steve Farrar emphasizes, Jesus Christ is looking for men who will not die, but live for their families.

Facilitated by David Noble (Men Only)

No Cost - Meeting in Connections Cafe / Room 105

Connections Book Group

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, by Peter Scazzero. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SPIRITUALLY MATURE, WHILE REMAINING EMOTIONALLY IMMATURE.

Peter Scazzero learned the hard way: you can't be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. In this best-selling book Scazzero outlines his journey and the signs of emotionally unhealthy spirituality. Then he provides seven biblical, reality-tested ways to break through to the revolutionary life Christ meant for you. 'The combination of emotional health and contemplative spirituality,' he says, 'unleashes the Holy Spirit inside us so that we might experientially know the power of an authentic life in Christ.'

Facilitated by Jennifer Walrod
Cost \$10 – Meeting in Fireside / Room 106

Connections Book Group

Tough Guys and Drama Queens, by Mark Gregston. HOW NOT TO GET BLINDSIDED BY YOUR CHILD'S TEEN YEARS.

If you've ever lain awake at night wondering what might be around the corner of your child's adolescence, this book is for you! After more than thirty-eight years of working with more than 2,500 parents as a counselor, Mark Gregston introduces a must-read "how-to" book for parents of pre-teens and teens. Everyday your child is bombarded by highly sexualized culture and over-exposed to words and images that can influence them beyond your reach. Your connection to them during these years is critical as is your response to tough issues such as appearance, performance, authority and respect, boundaries, and many more.

Facilitated by Marc and Abby Spear
Cost \$12 – Meeting in Room 100

Connections Group

Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis, with Markus Lloyd. EVIDENCE THAT CONFIRMS THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF CREATION

In this DVD series, host Markus Lloyd guides viewers on a memorable journey through some of the most fascinating topics in creation science. How did life begin? Where did humans come from? Was Noah's Flood real? How old is the earth? Through interviews with leading creation scientists, insights from cutting-edge research, and on-location investigations, *unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis* present evidence that supports a biblical viewpoint. *This outstanding series provides an engaging exploration of creation science like never before.*

Facilitated by Wayne Benson
No Cost – Meeting in The Corner

Connections Group

W.A.R. - W.A.R. is an adult Sunday School class (age 18-100) that will be focused on the **W**ord, **A**ge diversity, and it will be highly **R**elational (**W.A.R.**). It is going to take place in The Chapel (Room 108) during the Connections hour. Robbie Severson and Micah Dalbey will be teaching and there will be time each week given to discussion and application around the teaching. Our desire is that this class not just be a Sunday morning event, but that the relationships built here will go outside the walls of MAC. The biblical book of **James** is the topic of study and discussion.

Facilitated by Robbie Severson and Micah Dalbey
No Cost. Meeting in The Chapel / Room 108

Connections Book Group

Building a Discipling Culture, by Mike Breen. HOW TO RELEASE A MISSIONAL MOVEMENT BY DISCIPLING PEOPLE LIKE JESUS DID. We often wonder what Jesus will ask us when we meet Him face to face. We believe that some of his first questions will be about discipleship. How have we followed His Great Commission to make disciples? How many disciples did we raise up to do greater things than we ourselves achieved? Who "imitates our lives as we imitate Christ"? Jesus did not command us to build the church; He called us to make disciples. Effective discipleship creates the church, not the other way around. This is the first of many new Huddle resources that will give you practical and Biblical insights on building a culture of discipleship in your community.

Facilitated by Dan Nagel
Cost \$20 – Meeting in Fireside / Room 106